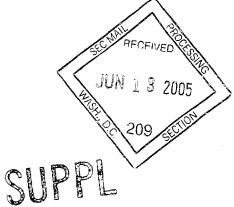




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Dear Sir or Madam

We send you enclosed the English version of the press releases of June 9th, 2005.

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DEXIA AND ROYAL BANK OF CANADA COMBINE INSTITUTIONAL INVESTOR SERVICES BUSINESSES

RBC DEXIA INVESTOR SERVICES WILL RANK AMONG TOP 10 GLOBAL CUSTODIANS

LUXEMBOURG and TORONTO, June 9, 2005 – Dexia and Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) today announced they have reached an agreement to combine their institutional investor services businesses in an equally owned joint venture to be named RBC Dexia Investor Services (RBC Dexia IS), pending regulatory and other approvals. The new company, with approximately US\$1.8 trillion in client assets under custody (representing combined parent AUC), will rank among the world's top 10 global custodians and will offer a complete range of investor services to institutions around the world.

Under the terms of the joint venture agreement, RBC and Dexia, through its wholly owned subsidiary Dexia Banque Internationale à Luxembourg (Dexia BIL), will each own an equal share of the new company, resulting in net tangible equity of EUR500 million. RBC Dexia IS, a holding company that will be headquartered in London, U.K., will provide strategic direction and management oversight to the operating companies.

Marc Hoffmann, CEO of Dexia BIL and member of the Dexia Executive Board, will be Chairman of RBC Dexia IS. The CEO of the new company will be José Placido, currently Executive Vice-President of RBC Global Services, who is responsible for institutional investor services. Operations will be conducted mainly by RBC Dexia Investor Services Bank in Luxembourg and RBC Dexia Investor Services Trust in Canada and their respective subsidiaries and branches around the world.

RBC Dexia IS will benefit from the reputation of its parent companies, both respected financial services enterprises with strong credit ratings (Moody's Aa2 senior debt for both organizations). RBC is a leading financial services provider in Canada and sixth-largest bank in North America, as measured by total assets, and Dexia is one of the largest financial institutions in the euro zone, as measured by market capitalization.

"RBC Dexia IS clients will benefit from the size, product breadth and high touch client service of two well-respected and well-financed global banks," Hoffmann said.

The combination of a leading global custodian known for best-in-class client service with a leading European player in global custody, fund administration and transfer agency services creates a unique proposition for sophisticated institutional investors worldwide.

"We are excited by what RBC Dexia IS can provide for our current and future clients," Placido added. "We will focus on achieving long-term growth by providing institutional investors with an integrated proposition of global custody, fund and pension administration, transfer agency and

related services. Our local presence on four continents will provide the scale and expertise to meet the needs of global asset managers."

The transaction is expected to close by early 2006. The new structure will have 3,500 employees and operations in 15 countries. "During the transition period, we will maintain consistent, uninterrupted service to our clients," Placido said.

"RBC Dexia IS is expected to continue producing growth and value for both parent companies by using greater scale to attract new business, improve operational efficiency and generate synergies resulting from cross-selling," Hoffmann said.

"Both RBC and Dexia are committed to this business and look forward to seeing RBC Dexia IS succeed as a strong global competitor," said Gordon M. Nixon, President and CEO of RBC Financial Group. "We believe this joint venture is the best way for us to ensure that we can continue to grow to meet the complex needs of our clients effectively."

"We have been very supportive since the idea originated," said Pierre Richard, President and CEO of Dexia Group. "We consider the strong commitment of both parent groups to institutional investor services as an essential condition for RBC Dexia Investors Services' long term growth."

About Dexia and Dexia BIL

Dexia Banque Internationale à Luxembourg (Dexia BIL) is a member of **Dexia**, the European banking group world leader in public finance and second largest commercial bank in Belgium. Dexia Group, with 24,000 employees, has operations in more than 20 countries worldwide. Dexia BIL provides commercial, private banking, asset management and investor services.

Founded in 1856, Dexia BIL is not only one of today's leading banks in the Luxembourg financial centre; it is also the oldest bank in the Grand Duchy. Since it was founded, it has played an active role in shaping the development of Luxembourg's economy. For more information, please visit www.dexia.com and <a href="https://wwww.dexia.c

About Dexia Fund Services

As a business line of Dexia BIL, Dexia Fund Services (DFS) is a key provider in Europe and Asia in the fields of global custody, trustee and administration of investment funds, pension funds and managed accounts. Its wholly owned subsidiary First European Transfer Agent (FETA) offers transfer agency and distribution support to a wide array of mutual funds promoters and distributors.

DFS provides global investment fund servicing -ranging from core services such as fund accounting and global custody services, to related added value services (e.g. securities lending, cash management, universal ordering, performance measurement and attribution) designed to reduce risks while improving efficiency and performance. FETA has developed a fully integrated business system that delivers complete solutions, and has the biggest pool of third party retail Tranfer Agent-related expertise in Europe.

Dexia Fund Services and FETA have operational centers in Luxembourg, Dublin, Paris, Brussels, Zürich, Madrid, Barcelona, Milan, Amsterdam, Singapore, Hong Kong and the Cayman Islands.

For more details please visit www.dexiafundservices.com

About RBC

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About RBC Global Services

RBC Global Services offers specialized transaction processing services to business, commercial, corporate, and institutional clients in domestic and select international markets. Key businesses include: global custody, investment administration, correspondent banking, cash management, payments and trade finance. With more than US\$1.4 trillion in client assets under custody, it is a leading provider of securities services worldwide and Canada's largest custodian. It is also a leading provider of treasury management services providing a full suite of electronic cash management services. RBC Global Services facilitates a high volume of domestic and international payment services for clients around the world, and is the largest processor of Canadian dollar payments in Canada. It has specialists in London, Dubai, Singapore, Beijing, Sydney, Mexico City, New York and across Canada.

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